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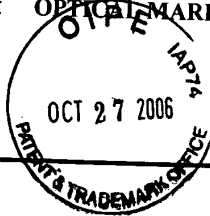
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Title: **OPTICAL MARKING DEVICE**



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37 CFR 1.97(b)

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37 CFR 1.97(c)

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☐ the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

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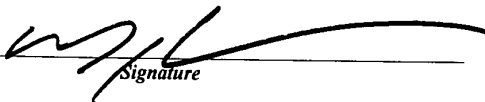
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S I R S:

X In accordance with the Duty of Disclosure, Applicant(s) submit(s) herewith a copy of Foreign Search Report in a counterpart application and copies of the reference(s) indicated therein.

X In the event that the Foreign Search Report is in a foreign language, a translation thereof is herewith submitted.

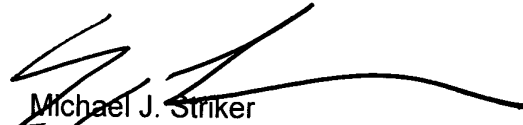
X Attached hereto is a FORM PTO 1449 listing the references.

Attached hereto is a copy of a reference cited in the specification of the application as filed. The specification itself recites the relevance of these documents, and pursuant to M.P.E.P. Section 609 A (3) this represents an acceptable Statement of Relevancy. The reference(s) appear(s) at the following page(s) and line(s) of the specification:

Applicant petitions for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being submitted after receipt of an office action. It is respectfully requested that the required fee be charged to the account of the undersigned: 19-4675.

- ☐ Attached hereto are copies of references cited which may be pertinent to this application. Since the references are in the English language, no statement of relevancy is submitted.
- ☒ Attached hereto is a copy of the Office Action issued in the corresponding German and European applications, together with a translation thereof and copies of the references cited therein. A list of the cited references is also attached.
- ☐ Attached hereto copies of references cited which may be pertinent to this application. An English translation of the reference is also attached.
- ☐ Attached hereto is a Statement of Relevancy and copies of references cited therein.
- ☒ Relevancy is indicated in an English language abstract or an English language equivalent attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,


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October 5, 2006

DECLARATION

The undersigned, Dana Scruggs, having an office at 8902B Otis Avenue, Suite 204B, Indianapolis, Indiana 46216, hereby states that she is well acquainted with both the English and German languages and that the attached is a true translation to the best of her knowledge and ability of US Patent Application, Ser. No. 10/590,257 (INV.: CLAUSS, S., ET AL).

The undersigned further declares that the above statement is true; and further, that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or document or any patent resulting therefrom.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana Scruggs", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dana Scruggs

The following references are named for the first time in this office action. (The numbering used below shall apply from this point forward):

- 1) DE 94 19 155 U1
- 2) DE 297 24 806 U1
- 3) DE 692 23 634 T2

The examination procedure is based on Claims 1 through 11, received on August 17, 2004.

Made known in publication 1, Figures 1, 3 in particular, with the related text, is a device with a light source and means for generating a first optical projection line on a reference surface, and a further projection line, which forms an angle of 45° with the first projection line.

In addition, extending projection lines in a plane is made known in publication 2), Figure 1.

Based on this related art, one skilled in the art arrives at the object of Claim 1, without any inventive activity. Claim 1 is therefore not allowable, due to lack of inventive activity.

Claims 2 through 7 contain – to the extent this is apparent – only features that apply to the embodiment of Claim 1 and which have no bearing on patentability, because they are accessible to one skilled in the art, without any inventive activity.

Claim 8 relates to an instrument with a device as recited in Claim 1.

Instruments with laser devices for marking are made known in publications 1) and 3).

Claim 8 is therefore not allowable, either, due to lack of novelty of its subject.

Claims 9 through 11 relate only – to the extent this is apparent – simple design refinements of the object of Claim 8, which do not appear to have any patentable qualities.

A patent will not be granted based on the documents submitted for the patent

application. If the application is pursued further using the current claims, or claims that contain essentially the same content, the application will be rejected.

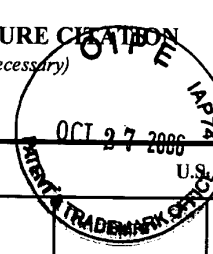
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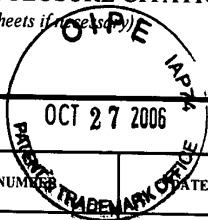
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